

Assembly Bill No. 2214

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Secretary of the Senate

This bill was received by the Governor this _____ day
of _____, 2006, at _____ o'clock ____M.

Private Secretary of the Governor

CHAPTER _____

An act relating to food labeling and safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2214, Tran. Asian food: study.

Existing law, the California Uniform Retail Food Facilities Law (CURFFL), provides for the regulation of health and sanitation standards for retail food facilities by the State Department of Health Services, and is primarily enforced by local health agencies.

Existing law also contains various provisions governing food labeling and safety.

This bill would require the department to conduct a study in connection with these standards and their effect on the sale and consumption of specified food at traditional Asian ceremonies and cultural events. This bill would require the department to present its findings to the Legislature no later than January 1, 2008.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the Asian Traditional Food Act.

SEC. 2. (a) The Legislature finds and declares both of the following:

(1) Given the rich heritage and traditions of Asian-Americans, a process must be considered to allow for foods tied to traditional Asian ceremonies to be sold and consumed according to those traditions.

(2) Requiring food retailers to follow health and sanitation standards is necessary to preserve public health.

(b) (1) The State Department of Health Services shall conduct a study of the sale and consumption of Banh Chung, Banh Tet, and moon cakes, as a means of finding methods that may permit the sale and consumption of these foods at traditional Asian ceremonies and cultural events while providing adequate health and sanitation standards that protect public health.

(2) The department shall submit this study to the Legislature no later than January 1, 2008.

Approved _____, 2006

Governor